

House Resolution No. 4785

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Beatrice Mayme Anderson-Neely, who completed this life's journey on Friday, November 28, 2003; and

Whereas, Beatrice Mayme Anderson came into this world on December 20, 1903, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Elias and Georgia Ann Posey Anderson, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Beatrice united with the St. Peters CME Church in 1916 and served in several capacities over many decades including Sunday School teacher, church secretary, treasurer of the Missionary Society, and member of the Stewardess Board, steadfast service for which she was recognized during the dedication of the education wing; and

Whereas, a graduate of Sumner High School, Beatrice attended LaSalle Extension University in Chicago and received her degree in education before returning to Kansas City, Kansas, where she played an integral role in the educational development of countless youngsters as a teacher for eighteen years, and further distinguished herself as a real estate broker and self-employed accountant; and

Whereas, in 1955, Beatrice embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Thomas Henry Neely, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she moved to Flint, Michigan, where she lived until his passing from this world in 1965; and

Whereas, affectionately referred to as "Bea", Beatrice Anderson-Neely kept volumes of family history in her basement that she had inherited from her mother and her aunts, and continually encouraged family members to keep in contact by hosting reunions and updating each other on information and history; and

Whereas, known as the "Matriarch of the Roots Family", Beatrice Anderson-Neely was an active member of several civic and social organizations including the YWCA, United Way, NAACP, AARP Chapter 1544, and the L'Amour Club, of which she was a founding member; and

Whereas, preceded in death by her husband, her two brothers, Floyd and Carey, her two sisters, Colleen and Carrie Mae, and her sister-in-law, Sirpora Miller-Anderson, Beatrice Anderson-Neely leaves behind to cherish her memory a host of friends and family including Eugene and Nina Posey, and renowned author Alex Haley:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to Beatrice Anderson-Neely, a remarkable woman of peace and kindness in this world who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving her; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Beatrice Mayme Anderson-Neely, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by _____
Representative Melba J. Curls
District No. 41

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4785, adopted December 4, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker